

March 29, 2011

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Tom Schoaf, City of Litchfield Park, Chair

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO THE MARCH 30, 2011, REGIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

An addendum to the March 30, 2011, Regional Council agenda has been prepared to add an item to consider assisting the Arizona Department of Transportation with matching funds for a Federal Railroad Administration grant application. Please contact the MAG office if you have questions about the addendum to the agenda.

ITEM PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEM

13. MAG Funding Match Request for
ADOT-Federal Railroad Administration Grant
Application

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is submitting a grant request to the Federal Railroad Administration for environmental work on the inter-city commuter rail corridor from Tucson to Phoenix. ADOT is requesting \$6.4 million in federal funds, with a match amount of \$1.6 million. ADOT is approaching the entities in the corridor to assist with providing the matching funds. Part of the proposed corridor would be in Maricopa County and be an integral part of the MAG commuter rail system. ADOT has indicated that the matching funds could be provided over a three year period. Staff is requesting guidance from the Regional Council on providing up to a total of \$500,000 from the MAG commuter rail funds over a three year period to assist ADOT with the matching funds. We have been informed that the Pima Association of Governments has agreed to provide \$300,000 toward the effort.

13. Information, discussion and possible action to provide matching funds over a three year period to ADOT for the proposed Federal Railroad Administration grant application, not to exceed a total of \$500,000, to complement the portion of the proposed rail line that would be in Maricopa County.